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LOYALISTS' SOCIETY.

CONSTITUTION.

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ADOPTED 13TH MAY, 1889.

Objects.

1. The objects of this Society are to perpetuate the memory and principles of the Loyalists, and to bring their descendants into closer association with one another.

Member's Qualifications.

2. No persons other than the descendants of the Loyalists shall, except as hereinafter provided, be eligible for membership in this Society.

The society may admit Honorary members who need not be of Loyalist descent, but such Honorary members shall not serve in any office or be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Society.

Admission of Members.

3. Candidates for admission must be proposed by a member at a quarterly meeting, and may be admitted at a subsequent quarterly meeting by a ballot in which three out of nine shall exclude from admission.

And provided further that members may be admitted by the Standing Committee, by a unanimous vote, at a meeting of the committee the notice for which shall specify the name of the candidate.

Every person applying for membership, after the thirteenth day of May, 1889, shall with his application, and every present member should on or before the first day of July, 1889, file with the Historian of the Society a written statement setting forth his qualifications for membership, including the name of, and full particulars as far as practicable, respecting the loyalists from whom he traces his descent, and the names and additions of those through whom he traces it, and the declaration shall be, when possible, accompanied by the original or properly authenticated papers or documents. Such declaration shall be considered by the Standing Committee, or a committee thereof, and if satisfactory a certificate of approval in the form to be prescribed by the Standing Committee shall be registered by the Historian, and any person who does not comply with this section and obtain such certificate of approval shall not be capable of becoming or continuing a member.

Dues.

4. Every member certified as above, shall, on or before the day of the May quarterly meeting in each year, pay a fee of one dollar to the Treasurer, and in default of such payment shall be incapable of being elected to any office or of voting at any meeting of the Society.

Meetings.

5. There shall be four quarterly meetings of the Society, (exclusive of the anniversary meeting), to be held on the first Tuesday in February, May, August and November, at such place and hour as shall be appointed by the Standing Committee, and nine members shall constitute a quorum for such quarterly meeting.

The anniversary meeting shall be held on the eighteenth day of May, being the day on which the Loyalists landed at Saint John, unless the same happens on a Sunday, in which case the anniversary meeting shall be held on the following Monday.

Officers.

6. The members of the Society at the May quarterly meeting in each year, (the present year, 1889, excepted), shall elect the following officers for the ensuing year viz.:—

A President, Three Vice-Presidents, A Chaplain, An Historian, A Treasurer, A Recording Secretary, A Corresponding Secretary, Two Marshalls,

and nine members, who, together with the above officers shall constitute a Standing Committee, of which a majority of the committee shall be a quorum, and have power to transact any business that may occur between the meetings of the Society, of all which business, they shall make a full report at the next quarterly meeting.

Loyalists' Society.

Saint John, New Brunswick,

A. D. 1889.

To .....

This circular is addressed to you on the supposition that you are qualified and disposed to become a member of the Society.

The qualification for membership will be ascertained by reference to the Constitution, which is printed on the other side.

The cost of membership has been made merely nominal, as it is deemed advisable that no barrier should exist to the admission into the Society of any person of Loyalist extraction.

I should be glad if you would exhibit or state the contents of this circular to all those of Loyalist descent in your neighbourhood, or elsewhere, for whom as well as yourself it is intended.

Although the Society has been organized in this Province, it is not in any other sense local, and the membership of all persons qualified, irrespective of their place of residence, is earnestly desired.

No form is prescribed for the written statement to be filed by persons applying for membership under the 3rd article of the Constitution, and any statement of the necessary facts will be deemed sufficient.

In addition to enlarging the membership, it is the purpose of the Society to collect from the members, and otherwise, all statements of facts which will aid in making generally known the sacrifices made and the principles maintained and enunciated by the Loyalists, individually and collectively.

It is claimed that by the adoption of this method, and the eventual publication of the information secured, in a condensed and attractive form, the result will be of great value.

It is believed that it will thereby be fully proved that the Loyalists were not merely devoted to the King, and the traditions of their mother land, but that they exhibited notable wisdom and foresight in their estimate of the importance of maintaining in this country the older constitution and the principles involved.

The co-operation of all disposed to aid in the work of the Society, as indicated above, or hereafter developed, is most earnestly invited.

Your obedient servant,

I. ALLEN JACK,

Corresponding Secretary.

By order of the Standing Committee.

7. The election shall be by ballot, and the person or persons having the greater number of votes shall be declared elected; and in the case of a tie between two or more candidates, a ballot shall be again taken, but on the candidates only between whom such tie exists.

For the present year, such officers and such committee shall be appointed at the adjourned meeting, on the 13th day of May, 1889.

President.

8. The President shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Standing Committee. He shall call a special meeting, when he shall judge proper or upon the requisition, made in writing, of any two members; and the notice of such special meeting must specify the business to be transacted thereat.

Vice-Presidents.

9. The duties specified in the next preceding section shall, in the absence of the President, devolve on the Vice-President standing first in the order in which they are named in the declaration of the election.

Standing Committee.

10. The Standing Committee shall collect and preserve papers and documents of historical interest, and obtain and record information respecting the Loyalists, and provide for the proper celebration of the anniversary. The Standing Committee shall also frame By-Laws for the government of the Society, but such By-Laws must, before going into effect, be approved of by a quarterly meeting of the Society.

All accounts of the Society and the Treasurer shall be audited by the Standing Committee.

The Chaplain.

11. The Chaplain shall attend the meetings and conduct the appropriate religious services required by the Society.

The Historian.

12. The Historian shall file and preserve all the statements of qualifications of members, and the documents, if any, accompanying the same, and enter an abstract thereof and the decision of the Standing Committee thereon, in a Record Book to be kept for that purpose.

He shall have charge and custody of the records, books, papers, and documents of an historical character belonging to the Society, and prepare and keep a genealogical record of the Loyalists, and shall perform such other duties as shall be determined by the Standing Committee.

He shall report from time to time to the Standing Committee, and annually, on the first of May, quarterly meeting, to the Society.

The Treasurer.

13. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys of the Society and dispense the same under the direction of the Standing Committee.

He shall keep a correct account of all moneys, and report thereon to the Society at the May meeting, and to the Standing Committee whenever required to do so.

He shall make no payment unless on the written order of the President, or in his absence, a Vice-President, countersigned by the Recording Secretary.

The Recording Secretary.

14. The Recording Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Society, and Standing Committee and shall keep the minutes of each meeting. He shall send notices of all special meetings by mail to the members.

Corresponding Secretary.

15. The duty of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to attend to all the correspondence of the Society.

Order of Business.

16. The order of business, shall, unless otherwise provided by the By-Laws, be as follows:

1. Reading of minutes of previous meetings.
2. Nominations and ballotting for candidates.
3. Report of Standing Committee.
4. Report of Special Committees.
5. New business.
6. Deferred business.

Standing Committee of the Loyalists' Society, 1889-90.

President:

SIR SAMUEL LEONARD TILLEY, C. B., K. C. M. G., Lieutenant Governor, New Brunswick.

Vice-Presidents:

SIR JOHN C. ALLEN, D. C. L., Knight, Chief Justice of New Brunswick. SIMEON JONES, Merchant, Saint John, N. B.
WILLIAM BAYARD, M. D., Saint John, N. B.

Historian:

JAMES HANNAY, Barrister, Editor Evening Gazette, Saint John, N. B.

Treasurer:

DAVID H. WATERBURY, Public Works Department, Saint John, N. B.

Recording Secretary:

J. AUSTIN BELYEA, B. A., Barrister, of Messrs. Barker & Belyea, Barristers, Saint John, N. B.

Corresponding Secretary:

T. ALLEN JACK, D. C. L., Barrister, Recorder of Saint John, N. B.

Marshals:

THOMAS W. PETERS, Barrister, Alderman, Saint John, N. B. GEO. W. JONES, Merchant, Saint John, N. B.

A. CHIPMAN SMITH,	Superintendent Board of Public Works,	Saint John, N. B.
ALLEN O. EARLE,	Barrister,	" "
HON. A. L. PALMER,	Judge in Equity,	" "
HON. C. N. SKINNER, Q. C.,	Barrister, M. P., Etc.,	" "
CHARLES A. EVERETT,	Merchant, Ex. M. P.,	" "
GEO. S. DEFOREST,	Merchant,	" "
W. P. DOLE, M. A.,	Barrister,	" "
WILLIAM S. HARDING, M. D.,		" "
MILES B. DIXON,	Barrister,	" "

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